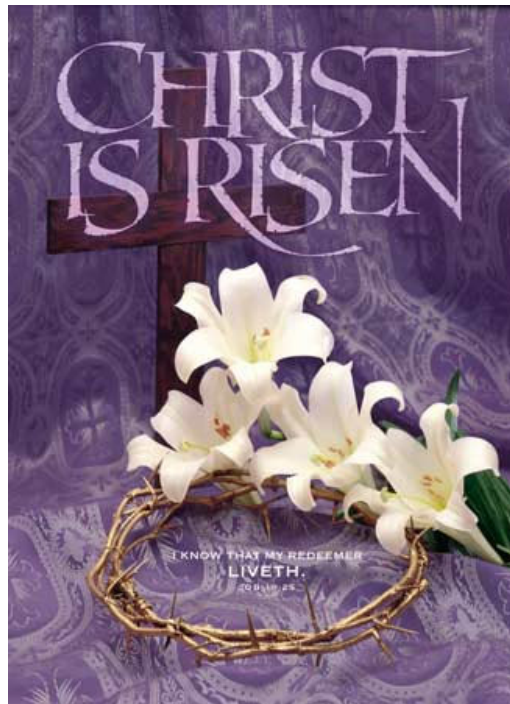


**The Resurrection of Our Lord
Easter Day
April 4, 2021**



**St. John's Episcopal Church
9:30 AM Online Service**

An Easter Sermon by St. Chrysostom

*“...Let no one fear death, for the Death of our
Savior has set us free.
He has destroyed it by enduring it.*

*Hell took a body, and discovered God. It took
earth, and encountered Heaven. O death, where
is thy sting? O Hades, where is thy victory?*

Christ is Risen, and you, o death, are annihilated!

Christ is Risen, and the evil ones are cast down!

Christ is Risen, and the angels rejoice!

Christ is Risen, and life is liberated!

*Christ is Risen, and the tomb is emptied of its
dead; for Christ having risen from the dead,*

*Is become the first-fruits of those who have fallen
asleep. To Him be Glory and Power forever and
ever. Amen!”*

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

Philip Riley, our Organist and Choir Director, will play a selection of hymns as we gather virtually for worship.

WELCOME

HYMN 207: "JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY"

Sung by David Petersen

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!
Praise him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

OPENING PRAYER:

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People: ***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.***

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we
worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your
glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God,
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy
on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive
our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the
Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: ***Amen.***

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST LESSON — Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the
earth, for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him,
so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have
waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: ***Thanks be to God.***

PSALM 118 VERSES 1-2, 14-24

The Psalm will be read responsively by whole verse.

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 **Let Israel now proclaim, ***
"His mercy endures for ever."
- 14 The LORD is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.
- 15 **There is a sound of exultation and victory ***
in the tents of the righteous:

- 16 "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! *
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"
- 17 **I shall not die, but live, ***
and declare the works of the LORD.
- 18 The LORD has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 **Open for me the gates of righteousness; ***
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.
- 20 "This is the gate of the LORD; *
he who is righteous may enter."
- 21 **I will give thanks to you, for you answered me ***
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 **This is the LORD's doing, ***
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it

THE SECOND READING — Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ --he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to

preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: ***Thanks be to God.***

HYMN 178:

"ALLELUIA! GIVE THANKS TO THE RISEN LORD "

Sung by Kay and Wayne Harry

Refrain:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Give praise to His name!

Jesus is Lord of all the earth,

He is the King of Creation.

Refrain

Come, let us praise the living God;

Joyfully sing to our Savior.

Refrain

THE GOSPEL — JOHN 20:1-18

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid

him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

***THE SERMON:
THE REVEREND MINERVA CAMARENA SKEITH***

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Let us give thanks for the victory that Jesus Christ has won by his death and resurrection. It is for us that he triumphed. We offer our prayers in the joy of Christ's resurrection, saying: Blessed are you, Eternal God

Risen Lord, we offer prayers for all members of your holy Church, as we seek to fulfill your mission of hope and reconciliation. May we truly serve you in our vocations and ministry in the world. May the life of Christ be revealed.

Blessed are you, Eternal God

We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Andy, Kai, Jeff and Hector, our bishops, Minerva, our priest, and Victoria, our deacon. May the life of Christ be revealed.

Blessed are you, Eternal God

We pray for your guidance to all nations into the ways of justice, peace, and truth. Inspire those who hold authority to make decisions that will enable systemic justice for all. May the life of Christ be revealed.

Blessed are you, Eternal God

We pray for compassion for those who suffer from sickness, grief or trouble. May they find strength in your presence and experience your healing power. May the life of Christ be revealed.

Blessed are you, Eternal God

We pray for the medical workers and scientists as they seek restoration to health for those who are suffering from this pandemic. We also pray for those who seek reformation of the systemic ills that have been exposed by this pandemic. May the life of Christ be revealed.

Blessed are you, Eternal God

We pray for your compassion and grace to strengthen this community in Christ's self-giving love; give us the grace to live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us. May the life of Christ be revealed.

Blessed are you, Eternal God

We pray those who celebrate their birthdays this week, may they grow in wisdom and grace. May the life of Christ be revealed.

Blessed are you, Eternal God

We pray for those who celebrate their wedding anniversary this week, may they continue to grow in love and peace. May the life of Christ be revealed.

Blessed are you, Eternal God

We commend those who have died, into your loving hands. We praise you for all your saints who have entered into glory. May the life of Christ be revealed.

Blessed are you, Eternal God

Other Special Intercessions – You may offer your petitions and thanksgivings by writing in the “Chat” to be shared aloud.

The priest says this collect

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us
to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Celebrant says

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

BLESSING

The Priest may bless the people.

DISMISSAL

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!***

HYMN 179: "WELCOME, HAPPY MORNING"

Sung by Fay Jones

“Welcome happy morning!” age to age shall say:
Hell today is vanquished, heaven is won today!
Lo! the dead is living, God for evermore!
Him their true Creator, all his works adore!
“Welcome, happy morning!” age to age shall say.

Thou of life the author, death didst undergo,
Tread the path of darkness, saving strength to show;
Come then, true and faithful, now fulfill thy word,
‘Tis thine own third morning! Rise, O buried Lord!
“Welcome, happy morning!” age to age shall say.

Loose the souls long prisoned, bound with Satan’s chain;
All that now is fallen raise to life again;
Show thy face in brightness, bid the nations see;
Bring again our daylight: day returns with thee!
“Welcome, happy morning!” age to age shall say.

POSTLUDE: HYMN 180 "HE IS RISEN!"

Sung by Lisa Shirah-Hiers

PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS

St. John's is interested in meeting the pastoral needs of our community. If you have prayer requests, please contact Sheri Rasmussen at sheri@austinstjohns.org.

If you would like the Daughters of the King to include you in their prayer list, please contact Sandra Ward at 1redsand2@gmail.com.

If you need pastoral care please contact
Mother Minerva at revminerva@austinstjohns.org or
Deacon Victoria at deaconvic@austinstjohns.org.

HEALING AND GUIDANCE: Petra, Jim, John, Terry, Cindy, Ed,
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BIRTHDAYS: 4/4: Hector Ronquillo; 4/5: Dick Likon, Jessica Egwunonwu;
4/9: Mariam Cabrerra, Martha Fournier; 4/10: Roger Hall

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

LECTIONARY BASED BIBLE STUDY — Our Each Wednesday evening at 7:00pm, we study the Bible readings for the following Sunday. For access information, please refer to the “Christian Education and Formation” email which is sent out each Tuesday.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY — Each Thursday at 10:00 AM. For access information, please refer to the “Christian Education and Formation” email which is sent out each Tuesday.

THE BRIDGE—Our weekly newsletter, “The Bridge” is emailed every Friday and it is also published on our web site. Check it out for news and other items of interest.

NEED HELP? If you find that your situation is causing financial, spiritual, or emotional difficulties, or if you are in need of food, do not hesitate to call Mother Minerva (revminerva@austinstjohns.org / 512-593-1178) or Deacon Victoria (512-297-5953).

EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Sunday, April 4

Easter Day

9:30 AM Online Liturgy of the Word in English
10:15 AM Virtual Coffee and Fellowship in English
11:15 AM Outdoor in person Holy Eucharist in English
1:00 PM Outdoor in person Holy Eucharist in Spanish

Wednesday, April 7

7:00 PM Lectionary Based Bible Study

Thursday, April 8

10:00 AM Thursday Morning Bible Study

Sunday, April 11

The Second Sunday of Easter

9:30 AM Online Liturgy of the Word in English
10:15 AM Virtual Coffee and Fellowship in English
11:15 AM Outdoor in person Holy Eucharist in English
1:00 PM Outdoor in person Holy Eucharist in Spanish

Online worship services are conducted using the Zoom online meeting system and are recorded for replay on Facebook, on our web site, and on our YouTube channel.

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Sandra Ward

SUNDAY SERVICES

9:30 AM
11:15 AM
1:00 PM

Online Morning Prayer in English
Outdoor In-Person Holy Eucharist in English
Outdoor In-Person Holy Eucharist in Spanish



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